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SUBJECT: EC TARIFF RECLASSIFICATION

REF: A) PARIS 31364; B) STATE 237389

1. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED UP ITS EARLIER DEMARCHE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY (SEE REF A) WITH CALL DECEMBER 11 ON COLLIN, HEAD OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS SECTION OF DREE, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE. COLLIN WAS HANDED COPY OF NOTE AND MEMORANDUM ON SEMI-CONDUCTOR CLASSIFICATION AND POINTS IN REF B WERE SUMMARIZED.

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2. ALTHOUGH COLLIN HAD BEEN TOLD WELL IN ADVANCE OF REASON FOR

CALL HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS QUESTION IN ANY DETAIL. HE SAID EC HAS FAITHFULLY FOLLOWED PROCEDURES IN SATISFYING GATT REQUIREMENTS AND IMPLIED THAT GOF WOULD RESIST MODIFYING ITS POSITION TO ACCOMMODATE US WISHES. HE ADDED THAT FRENCH AND PARTICULARLY BELGIAN SEMI-CONDUCTOR INDUSTRIES WERE VERY ANXIOUS TO INCREASE LEVELS OF PROTECTION.

3. COLLIN ALSO SAID THAT TO BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION US SEMI-CONDUCTOR CASE IS LINKED TO TRADE-OFF WITH "PRATO WOOL FABRIC CASE" IN WHICH ITALIANS WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AFTER STUDYING MEMORANDUM AND CONSULTING WITH OTHER OFFICIALS. IRWIN

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